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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a semiconductor device, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicant will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed.Cir. 1995) of method claims 7-18.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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